

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

April 2009

Neighborhood Association

Newsletter of the Valley Center Neighborhood Association

VCNA EVENTS CALENDAR

May 16th – Lafayette City Clean Sweep – See below for details

Keep the Clean Sweep Trophy!

The 2nd Annual Clean Sweep will be Saturday, May 16th. All VCNA volunteers should meet that morning at 9:00 am in the parking lot of Bar-Barry Liquors and we'll go from there. We won last year, and would like to repeat the victory again this year. We had a small contingent of volunteers meet up on Saturday, March 28th to pick up trash in the neighborhood, thanks to all that showed up or picked up trash around your block. Every effort leads to bigger things.



Help keep our neighborhood safe - report crime to the WeTip hotline at 1-800-782-7463. It's absolutely anonymous

Thanks to our neighborhood business for this newsletter:



Willow Tree Angels & Latasia Jewelry. Mary Kay-Pampered Chef, Sarah Coventry Jewelry all 50% off!! RADA: Knives, Food Mixes, & CookBooks Buy 1 and get the second of equal or lesser value for ½ price. Furniture, Books, Antiques, and Soy Candles & Tarts.

Next Meeting

April 28th 7:00 pm at Rush Pavilion in Columbian Park

This is a CALLOUT for Volunteers for this year – come to help plan events, sign up for a committee, or voice a concern.

VCNA needs YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to host any number of **Neighborhood Summer Gatherings.** It can be anything from a "get to know the neighbor's lemonade social" to a "Friday Night Relaxer". If anyone is interested in hosting a neighborhood social this year, please contact John Lewandowski at the email below.

We are always looking for volunteers for a number of committees. We have many spots to fill in the **Activities**, **Environmental**, **Action and Communications committees**. If you would like to get involved, and give 1 hour a month to help make our neighborhood a safer, cleaner and friendlier place to live, GET INVOLVED AND VOLUNTEER TODAY.

Please contact John Lewandowski at vcnajohnl@comcast.net or valleycenterna@gmail.com to volunteer today

TEACHERS AGAINST GANGS



TAG - The learning center for teachers, parents, and concerned citizens

www.teachersagainstgangs.com/

TAG MEMBERSHIP is open to all **parents**, **teachers**, **school resource and other officers**, youth counselors and concerned citizens who have questions or who have something to offer in the way of helping others to cope with the gang problem. We hope that this web site will become a center for sharing your experiences in dealing with the problem of gangs in your home, school, and/or community.

CHAT ROOM - Chatting one on one in real time is a great way to develop contacts and make friends. To enter the chat room, locate the gray bar at the bottom of your screen. Click Teachers Against Gangs and you are in. Set up a time to meet your friends and enjoy the room.

GROUPS - You can make a request to join a group or you may create your own group.

PARTICIPATION - Teachers Against Gangs is a member participation web site. We rely heavily on the members to share gang related information with the rest of us. The more active participation we have, the more we all can benefit. Part of that participation is for our members to post photos or videos to the appropriate categories. Suggestions are always welcome.

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If anyone needs pet sitting/dog walking/babysitting, etc., Erin Durcan on S. 16th Street is looking for jobs. She can be reached at Erind12983@yahoo.com, and she has pet and child care experience.

Selling or renting a house/apartment? Email info to VCNA for us to post on our website!

Contact the VCNA:

Visit the webpage at www.valleycntr.com

What would you like to see? Send your <u>news, events, comments, and ideas</u> to <u>ValleyCenterNA@gmail.com</u> or call 429-5302 (John Lewandowski).

Would you like to be on our email list? Send your email address to the address above for reminders of neighborhood events and notices of last-minute additions.